

THIS HANUKKAH—IN HONOR OF
ALL OUR ARMED FORCES AND
THEIR FAMILIES THIS HANUK-
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HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a poetic tribute in honor of our magnificent Armed Forces and their splendid families this Hanukkah, and holiday season. And for all of the ones who are so separated by the miles so very far across the shores. Our hearts, especially go out to all of those families who have lost their greatest loves of all, in the defense of our Nation. And to all of those recovering from the grave wounds of war we pray for their speedy recovery. Bless them all! I ask that this poem penned by Albert Caswell be placed in the RECORD in honor of them as follows:

THIS HANUKKAH

This Hanukkah . . .
As the family gathers round . . .
All in This Festival of Lights to be found . . .
All in this time of remembrance, as described in the Talmud of long . . . long ago . . .
With eight days of light and remembrance, of events so miraculous so . . .
As the children dance with songs of joy, and the love of your family grows . . .
Reciting Hallel prayer, and the games, as the Dreidels spin there so . . .
We should also remember, this other miracle of all of those . . .
THE MIRACLE OF OUR ARMED FORCES, SELFLESSNESS SO!
Of All Those families! Those Patriots of Peace, of all of these . . .
The ones, who will not together be . . .
Who upon battlefields of honor fight . . .
So far away from our Country Tis of Thee, on this night . . .
Men and Women of honor bright, who for all of us so carry on that fight . . .
Who live with such heartache and death, as on each new day our lives they bless . . .
And all of those ones, whose greatest of all loves . . . now lie in soft quiet graves . . .
Precious Daughters and Sons, Husbands and Wives . . .
Brother and Sisters, Fathers and Mothers who gave . . .
The greatest of gifts, That Last Full Measure . . . as did they!
Whose loved ones pain, can not be healed by time . . . nor so divided this day . . .
As on this joist holiday season, they sit with tears in eyes do they . . .
With one less place at the dinner table set . . . with all of this grieving so yet!
And all of those who have come home, without arms and legs . . .
Inspiring us with their courage they!
Blessing us all, but with all those fine gifts of selflessness conveyed!
Making us all so see, just how magnificent and inspiring a heart can be!
And all of those who have loved ones, far across the shores . . .
As each new day, but brings to them such great worry so for sure . . .
But, waiting . . . but waiting for, that dreaded knock on the door . . .
That phone call, that they so now pray not for . . .
Quiet Heroes, one and all!

Watching them from Heaven, The Angel's tear drops fall . . .
Lord God, Lord God . . . Bless Them . . . Bless Them All!
For So Many, So Few Have But Paid The Cost!
So bore the burden, so carry that cross! That cross of war!
This Hanukkah, as you hold your families tight . . . and all seems so very right . . .
As you see all those smiles on your children's faces, as these sacred nights races . . .
Give thanks, Give praise . . . as upon your knees you pray . . .
For all of those families, whose sacrifice . . . the blessings of freedom, they gave!
On This Hanukkah, in this The Kindling . . . as each new candle you light . . .
Eight days of prayer and gratitude, in this joist Festival of Lights . . .
A time for families to celebrate, to remember how miracles can burn so bright . . .
Remembering too, our Armed Forces miracles of sacrifice . . .
This Hanukkah!

THE SKYLINE SPARTANS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a high school football program located in my District—the 8th of Washington—that won the 4A State title on Saturday, December 5, their third in a row.

The Skyline Spartans (12–2), located in Sammamish, Washington—and competing in the KingCo 4A League, Crest Division—defeated the Ferris Saxons, 45–21 at the Tacoma Dome to win the 2009 State 4A Championship. The win marked the third straight State title win for Skyline. I offer my congratulations to the entire team and team captains Anthony De Matteo, Cooper Pelluer, Jake Heaps, Jase Butorac and Tommy Aarts.

I also want to thank head coach Mat Taylor and his assistant coaches, Steve Chmiel, Tom Collins, Jeff Johnson, Bruce Hasson, Kyle Snell, Ryan Thorsen, Brett VanVoorhis and Evan Flay for providing wonderful examples for their players and dedicating many hours to the teaching and training of a group of talented young athletes. Our communities and our young people are better off with the influence you provide. Thank you for your service.

Congratulations and thanks also go out to Principal Lisa Hechtman, Athletic Director Kevin Rohrich and all the teachers at Skyline. Enjoy another football championship and know that your community, your students and your student-athletes all appreciate your efforts and sacrifices. Go Spartans!

IN HONOR OF MS. KAREN NESBIT

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Ms. Karen Nesbit of Franklin,

Wisconsin. Ms. Nesbit was recently awarded the 2008 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program recognizes outstanding teachers across the country for their contributions to the academic and personal development of students in science and mathematics.

Ms. Nesbit has been an educator for 23 years. She has taught in the Franklin Public School District since 1990, and currently teaches first grade at Pleasant View Elementary School. The education of our youth is very important to the continued success of our communities and our country. It is through the dedication of teachers such as Ms. Nesbit that students and are well-equipped with the knowledge and skills they need for their future.

On behalf of those I represent in the 1st District of Wisconsin, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to Ms. Karen Nesbit.

FIRST FLIGHT OF THE 787 DREAMLINER

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the Boeing Co. on their first flight of the 787 Dreamliner. This successful flight marks an important milestone in the development of the 787 Dreamliner, and represents the collective efforts and hard work of everyone at the Boeing Company, particularly the dedicated Boeing employees who live in my district. The 787 Dreamliner is airplane that is not only much more efficient than any other airplane on the market, but also represents a new generation of technologically advanced commercial airplanes that will change the future of commercial aviation.

SPIRIT OF TOURISM AWARDS

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to several of West Virginia's most dedicated and hardworking individuals. On December 1, 2009, several individuals were honored for their role in enhancing tourism to Greenbrier County when the Greenbrier County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) presented their fourth annual Spirit of Tourism Awards.

The Greenbrier County CVB presented four awards to honor people who have made a difference in the local economy through enhancing local tourism. The Spirit of Tourism Awards recognize residents that have made a significant impact on the tourism industry in the areas of tourism development, volunteerism, securing a convention or meeting to the area, and excelling at partnering with the Greenbrier County CVB.

This year's Greenbrier Award recipient was awarded to Jim Justice for his hard work and dedication since his purchase of 'The Greenbrier' earlier this year. Mr. Justice has

made significant developments since then with the development of a new restaurant, Prime 44, The Tavern Casino, and the announcement of the new PGA Tour 'The Greenbrier Classic'. Mr. Justice has worked hard to improve 'The Greenbrier' all the while increasing tourism to the county and state.

Russell Williams and Annamarie Visclosky were this year's recipients of the Greenbrier County Ambassador Award, which honors those who have assisted the tourism community by going above and beyond the call of duty. Mr. Williams and Ms. Visclosky have spearheaded a number of impressive activities in the community, including the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival, Carnegie Hall's Taste of Our Towns, and the Rhythm and Blues Festival.

The State Fair of West Virginia was named as this year's recipient of the Hometown Hero Award, which recognizes an individual or group that has gone above the call of duty in securing conferences or meetings in Greenbrier County. Board Member Kathryn Tuckwiller accepted the award on behalf of the State Fair of West Virginia.

The Friend of Tourism Award is chosen by the Convention and Visitors Bureau to recognize an individual or group that has excelled in promoting tourism in partnership with the Bureau. This year's winner was Brier Properties which was recognized for their significant hotel development in the area and their outstanding willingness to partner with the Greenbrier County CVB in marketing initiatives.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating the winners of this year's Spirit of Tourism Awards who have contributed in unique ways to the growth and development of the economy in the Third Congressional District of West Virginia—a district that I am very proud to represent here in Washington, DC.

HONORING A.C. REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR VICTORY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the recent accomplishments of the A.C. Reynolds High School football team, the Rockets.

On Saturday, December 12, the Rockets won the North Carolina 4-A State Football Championship against Hartnett Central High School, with a score of 14–13. They finished the season with a record of fourteen wins and only two losses. A.C. Reynolds is the first high school in the history of Buncombe County to win three State High School Football Championships in 1999, 2002 and 2009.

I especially wish to congratulate A.C. Reynolds Head Football Coach, Shane Laws. I know from experience that teams do not rise to this level of success without a strong coach. It takes a great leader to instill the determination and work ethic that lead to victories on the football field.

The A.C. Reynolds Rockets Football team is known throughout the mountain area for their strong defense. This season's championship

and stellar defensive play only continue that legacy. These young men have well represented the mountains of Western North Carolina throughout their drive to this year's State Football Championship. It is my privilege to recognize their accomplishments today in this chamber.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our congratulations to this group of young men and their coaches for their accomplishments on the football field this season.

REINTRODUCTION OF THE REVITALIZING CITIES THROUGH PARKS ENHANCEMENT (RECIPE) ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I strongly believe that open spaces and community parks are a critical part of urban infrastructure. That's why today I am reintroducing the Revitalizing Cities Through Parks Enhancement (RECIPE) Act, that would establish a \$10 million grant program for qualified, non-profit, community groups, allowing them to lease municipally owned vacant lots and transform these areas into parks. Parks and gardens created with the grants will not only provide safe places to gather, but will increase property values as well. The grants will be available from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to groups who have met standards of financial security, and who have histories of serving their communities. To further ensure that these grants are used to make lasting positive changes, land improved and made into open community space under this legislation must be available for use as open space from the local government for at least seven years.

CONGRATULATING THE SOUTH JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL 2009 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise to say to congratulate the South Johnston High School Trojans football team in Four Oaks, North Carolina for a historic season and trip to the 3-AA North

Carolina High School Athletic Association State Championship football game this past Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill. South Johnston finished the season with an impressive record of 14 and 2 and were the 2009 Conference and 3-AA Regional Champions. This is the third conference title for South Johnston, the first ever appearance in the third round of Regionals and the school's first trip to the State Finals.

I am extremely proud of the dedication, determination, sportsmanship, and discipline of this talented football team. The members of the 2009 team are to be commended for their drive and perseverance. They include Dee

Williams, Brandon Bussiere, Willie Jefferson, Brandon Beasley, Dan Atkins, Alex Barbour, Vivek Patel, Justin Sanders, Jim Abdalla, Anthony Crumity, Shawn Williams, Blake Ingram, Shaun Write, Josh Barbour, Matt McClendon, Rohelio Morales, Mitch McLamb, Marcus Faison, Aaron Anderson, Unek Lloyd, Matt Stanley, RonJonek Gill, Dan Stanley, John Jefferies, Javonte Burns, Woody Thornton, JohnTavious Chrisp, Jon Farmer, Tyler Benson, Devon Smith, Pat Dunigan, Stacy Thornton, Mike Purvis, Erasto Simmons, Jovonte Cox, Trevor Beasley, Adam Hockaday, and Tyvon Small.

South Johnston Head Coach Joe Salas and his great team of assistant coaches worked tirelessly behind the scenes and are the architects of the behind the team's success.

I am proud to have the honor of representing this outstanding high school and I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring these fine young athletes.

TERRORISTS BELONG AT GITMO, NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD JAIL

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the Obama Administration has announced its plan to transfer 75 Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States.

The Administration claims that transferring these detainees from Guantanamo Bay will somehow lessen al Qaeda's desire to attack America. But a change in location of detainees is not going to reduce terrorists' hatred of America.

However, the transfer of any Gitmo detainee to the U.S. will give them additional constitutional rights, making it harder for prosecutors to obtain convictions.

The Administration claims that it can detain these terrorists indefinitely. But many agree this is an impossible goal. Civil liberties groups were quick to point out that indefinite detention inside the United States without a trial is little more than a change in zipcode.

It is clear to all but those in the Administration that this decision will likely result in the almost immediate challenge to detention as soon as these terrorists arrive in Illinois.

The Guantanamo Bay facility in Cuba, not a prison in America's heartland is the right place for terrorists.

225TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRENTON'S TIME AS CAPITAL OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the city of Trenton's tenure as the capital of the United States.

Students of American history are familiar with the Compromise of 1790. James Madison